

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): A sealing arrangement, comprising:

at least one first sealing device including an annular seal;
a second sealing device including a brush seal;
wherein the first and second sealing devices are placed between axially symmetrical components symmetrical about an axis, and the second sealing device is positioned so as to be axially offset from the first sealing device; and
wherein the annular seal is a metallic piston-ring seal having a separation site.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,

wherein the brush seal is a closed brush seal inserted into a recess of a housing in an axial direction and is secured into position by a fastening ring.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,

wherein the brush seal has an open brush seal is inserted or snapped in over a fastening ring into a recess of a housing.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 22,

wherein the open brush seal is in the form of a split ring.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The sealing arrangement as recited claim 20,

wherein the brush seal is a hook-type brush seal.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20,

wherein the brush seal includes a plurality of bristle elements.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 25, wherein the bristle elements are wound around a guide element, forming a fixing point, and are secured by a clamping element to the guide element.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited claim 20, wherein one end of the second sealing device is positioned in a recess of a first one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 27, wherein the bristle elements are wound around a guide element, forming a fixing point, and wherein the brush seal is situated in the recess in such a way that the fixing point is positioned in the recess of the first one of the axially symmetrical components, and the unattached ends of the bristle elements extend toward a second one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 28, wherein the unattached ends of the bristle elements engage the second one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited claim 25, wherein the bristle elements are radially preloaded such that they have a curved shape in the radial direction.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20, wherein, in the axial direction of the axially symmetrical components, the second sealing device is directly contiguous to the first sealing device.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 25, wherein the first sealing device forms a supporting plate for the bristle elements of the second sealing device.

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Claim 33 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20, wherein a second one of the axially symmetrical components surrounds a first one of the axially symmetrical components.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 33, wherein the second one of the axially symmetrical components is made up of a plurality of segments.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20, wherein a first one of the axially symmetrical components comprises a housing of a gas turbine, and the second one of the axially symmetrical components includes a guide vane ring of the gas turbine having a plurality of vane segments, the first sealing device and the second sealing device being positioned between the housing and the vane segments in order to seal a gap.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 20 wherein the separation site has an overlapping form.

Claim 37 (previously presented): A sealing arrangement for fixed components placed about an axis, comprising:

at least one first sealing device including an annular seal;
a second sealing device including a brush seal;
wherein the first sealing device and the second sealing device is placed between axially symmetrical components symmetrical about an axis, and the second sealing device is positioned so as to be axially offset from the first sealing device; and
wherein the annular seal is a metallic piston-ring seal having a separation site.

Claim 38 (currently amended): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 37,
wherein the brush seal is a closed brush seal inserted into a recess of a housing in an axial direction and is secured into position by a fastening ring.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 37,

wherein the brush seal is an open brush seal inserted or snapped in over a fastening ring
into a recess of a housing.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The sealing arrangement as recited in claim 37,

wherein the brush seal includes a plurality of bristle elements.